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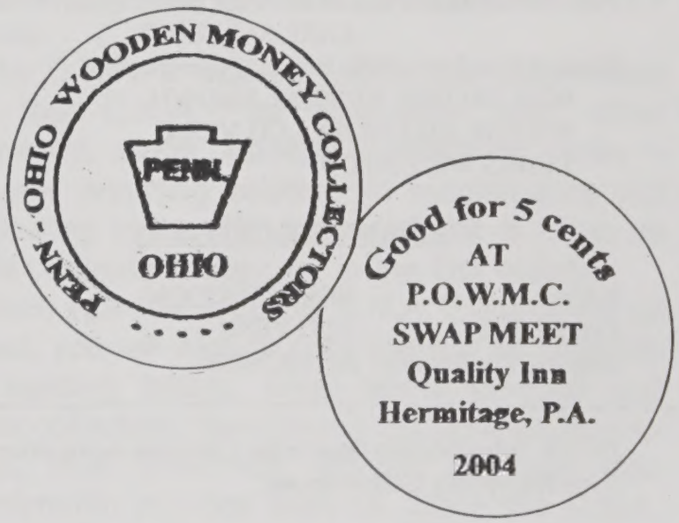
GOOD TIME HAD AT 'PENN./OHIO SWAP MEET' SHOW:

Your editor and four other Canadian 'wood' collectors journeyed south to attend the recent 'swap meet' show held in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. *The Penn. Ohio Wooden Money Collectors (POWMC)* hosted the show at the Quality Inn in Hermitage. (Note the 'Welcome' on the Quality Inn billboard sign.) There were plenty of 'wood' items to trade or buy as well as many non- 'wood' coins, medals and token material. We came home with several new additions for our collections as well as our share of the over thirty door prize items available. The wood pictured here was issued as a souvenir of the event.

It was great to once again see old acquaintances and also to meet new collectors especially some with whom you have corresponded but never before met personally. It was a good show and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all those who worked hard to organize this event. On page six, I have tried to show some pictures taken at the show. One of the pictures shows the 'Canadian' contingent and another shows the organizers of the show as well as other POWMC members. (Hopefully these pictures will photocopy satisfactorily.)



WOULD YOU BELIEVE ANOTHER INCREASE?

I just found out today that beginning in *January, 2005*, we must begin putting *$.50 stamps* on our domestic letters. It doesn't seem long ago that we just started with the $.49 stamp. The U.S. definitive goes from $.80 to *$.85* while the International rate goes from $1.40 to *$1.45*. I guess I will now go out and buy a bundle of $.01 and $.05 stamps to make up the difference.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

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Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

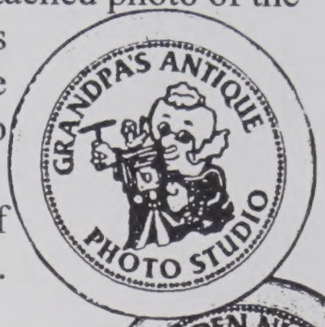
Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

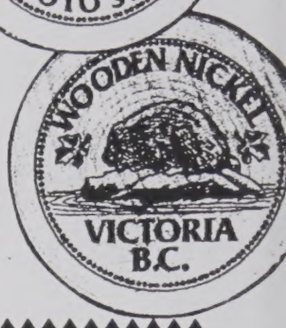
EARL'S NEW 'WOOD' DISCOVERY:

Back in the late summer of 2002, following that year's C.N.A. convention in Vancouver, past president ***Earl Salterio*** and his wife Esther were visiting Victoria, British Columbia and came across this ***"Grandpa's Antique Photo Studio"*** wood. At that time, Earl e-mailed me and sent me an attached photo of the wood, to tell me of his discovery. Just this past summer, I actually acquired one of these woods through our Sec./Treas. *Al Munro* who got it by also visiting Victoria, B.C.

I suppose others could also do likewise if they were to make a similar visit to Victoria. The wood is *brown* in colour both sides.

Earl never did tell me whether he got his picture taken or whether he just bought the wood.





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Canadian Residents: $10.00 Canadian Funds
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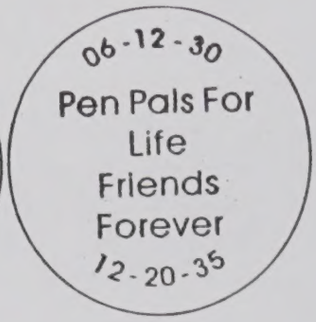
FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



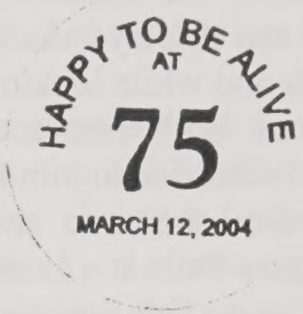
This month's free wood has, once again, been donated by CAWMC member Ed MacPherson and friend Thompson Taylor of Sydney, Nova Scotia. The wood is blue in colour both sides.

The date 06 12 75, on the wood, is when Charles and Thompson first met. The 06 12 30 date is Thompson's birthday and the 12 20 35 date is Charles' birthday.

Thank you guys for this free wood donation.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH ..... by Lou Vesh

1929 was a very good year. So is 2004, especially for cancer survivors like our friend Bob Brown and my wife Yvonne. This year marks Yvonne's 75th birthday anniversary and, like the wooden nickel says, she's happy to be alive. Although her birthday was in March, we celebrated by having a family reunion in June, in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It was held at the Valhalla Inn and all of her children and grandchildren were in attendance along with her siblings and their spouses. That's when the wooden nickel shown at right was first distributed.



One of the joys of passing out woods is the reaction from people who have never had, or even seen, a wooden nickel before. Many, if not all, of you woodies have likely had that same experience. It's just another fun side of the hobby.

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NORM WELLS CATALOGUE A USEFUL INSPIRATION:

by Dave Gillespie

Recently, while checking some spare 'woods', I had reason to refer to my copy of the original Norm Wells catalogue. This brought back some memories and inspired me to write the following for Timber Talk:

In 1992, by accident, I came across a Coin Show in the Bayfield Mall, in Barrie, Ontario. This show, as I found out later, was hosted by the Huronia Coin Club and I was fascinated by the number of coin dealers and displays. As I wandered by the different bourse tables, I came across some wooden nickels and while looking at them with some interest, was approached by Pat White and Norm Belsten. With their encouragement and the offer of a membership fee refund, (if not happy) I was persuaded to join C.A.W.M.C.

Later, as I looked for other shows to attend, I became more interested in 'woods' and eventually ended up in Niagara Falls at a 'wooden money show', where I purchased a *Norman Wells Wooden Money Catalogue*. This was about a year or so later. The catalogue seemed to me to be a great picture reference for identifying woods, and I used it only for that purpose. Recently, however, I've discovered that the catalogue is *much more than just a picture reference. It provides articles and in some cases, a history of an issue or series of woods*. I now realize ***how important it was and still is for members to communicate their experiences and details of their discoveries of new woods, to the Bulletin Editor for both Timber Talk and our current catalogues.***

Thanks to the inspiration of the late Norm Wells and his catalogue, I would like to share the following:

ORANGEVILLE LION'S LOBSTERFEST:

In 1979, on the second Saturday in July, the Orangeville Lion's Club, in an attempt to create a fundraising event, held its first Lobsterfest. The event took place at the local sports complex with Lobster purchased and flown in from New Brunswick, served with all the trimmings accompanied by a disc jockey and a live band. The weather was great and the dinner and dance tickets sold out prior to the event. Inexperience showed, as unfortunately the Lion's Club ran out of Lobster with a 100 or so hungry customers still lined up and waiting to be served. Complimentary drinks as well as steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs were served to try and appease the remaining. In some cases, a cash refund was the only way to resolve the shortage – a shortage has never happened since….. Over 500 meals were served at that first event, a good time was had by most and the Orangeville Lion's Club showed a net profit of approximately $10,000.00.

Over the years, with the wrinkles ironed out, the event grew, serving 750 to 1000 meals each year and entertainment to include disc jockeys and live bands performing in both 'A' and 'B' arenas. So grew the net profits all for the benefit of the local community.

July 10th, 2004 was the 25th Anniversary of this annual event.

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ORANGEVILLE LION'S LOBSTERFEST: *-continued from page 4*

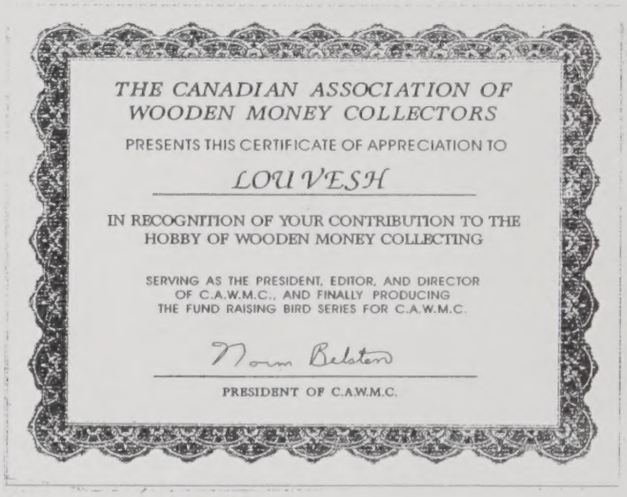
To commemorate, a souvenir wooden loonie was made (*with the assistance of Norm* Belsten's *artwork and input*), numbered 1 through 525, and handed out at the door. Numbers were called out randomly, throughout the evening, with door prizes to be won. The souvenir wooden loonie was well received with favourable comments from both Lion's Club members and ticket holders. The 25th annual event was again a success with over 1050 meals being served, and over 1200 separate dance tickets being sold. To date, ***Lobsterfest*** has raised over $500,000.00 for the Lion's Club to put back into the community.

A picture of this wooden loonie appears on page 4. There may be a very few available for those 'woodies' who did not receive one at the CAWMC breakfast at the recent C.N.A. convention. ***Dave Gillespie*** can be reached at *3 Old Oak Lane Orangeville, Ont., Can., L9W 4B1*. His e-mail address is dacar57@hotmail.com . At least, a SASE should be enclosed.

On the 'LOBSTERFEST' side of this wood, half of the woods made, were blue in colour and the other half were red in colour. On the reverse side, the lobster is red, and all the printing is black in colour.

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CAWMC ANNUAL MEETING (JULY 2004):

Lou Vesh (right) receives a certificate of appreciation from president Norm Belsten.



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PRESENTS THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO

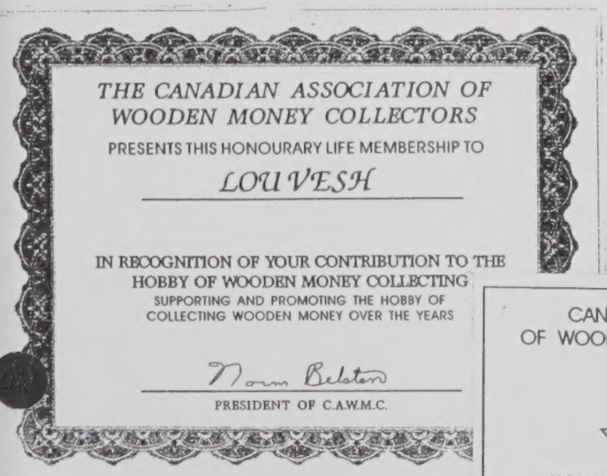
LOU VESH

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOBBY OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTING

SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT, EDITOR, AND DIRECTOR OF C.A.W.M.C., AND FINALLY PRODUCING THE FUND RAISING BIRD SERIES FOR C.A.W.M.C.

Norm Belsten

PRESIDENT OF C.A.W.M.C.



THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

PRESENTS THIS HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO

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IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOBBY OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTING

SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE HOBBY OF COLLECTING WOODEN MONEY OVER THE YEARS

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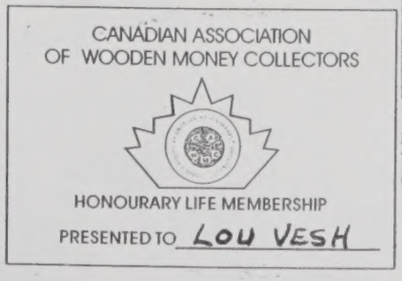

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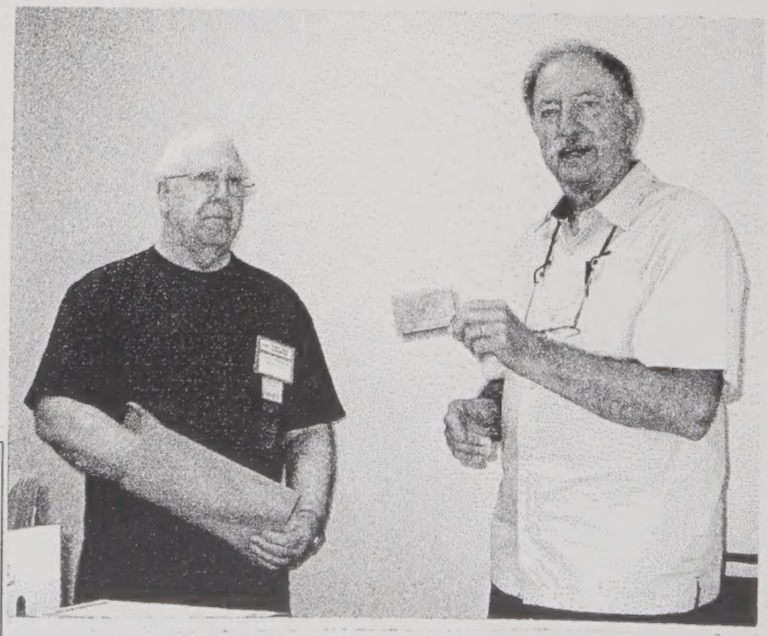
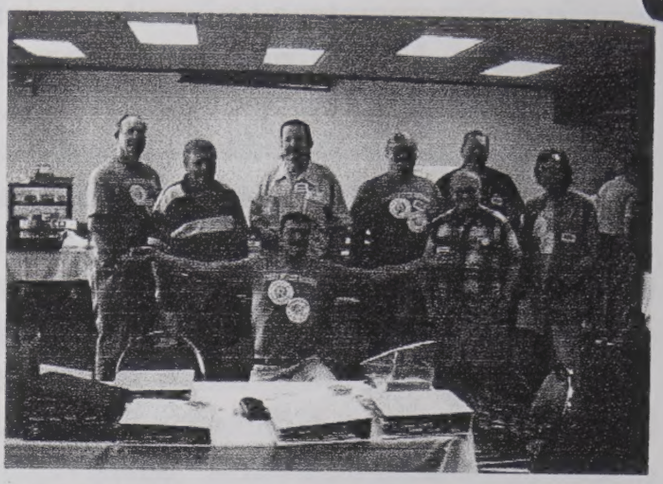


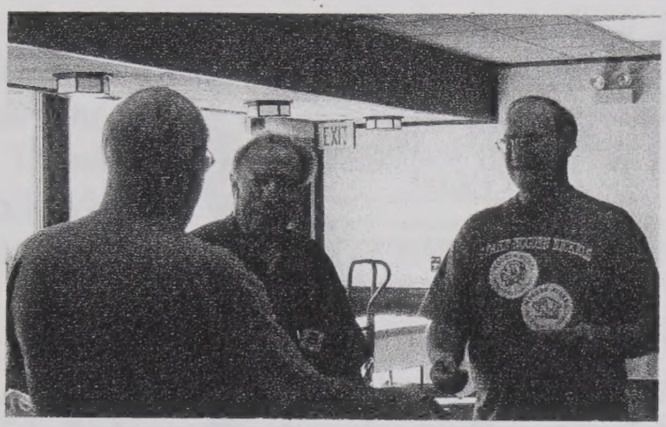
Lou Vesh (right) receives his Life Membership wood flat from president Norm Belsten.

PICTURES FROM THE PENN./OHIO SWAP MEET:

(left to right) Norm Belsten, Lou Vesh, Yvonne Vesh, Ross Kingdon, Dave Gillespie

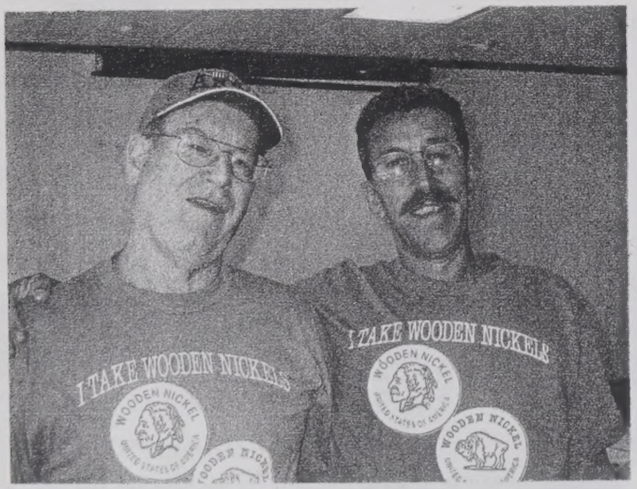


(standing at back) Al Schubert, Richard Boyles, Pat Whaler Larry White, Ken Paulsen, Dave Clouse (in front) Robbin Quinn, and Bob Brown(standing)

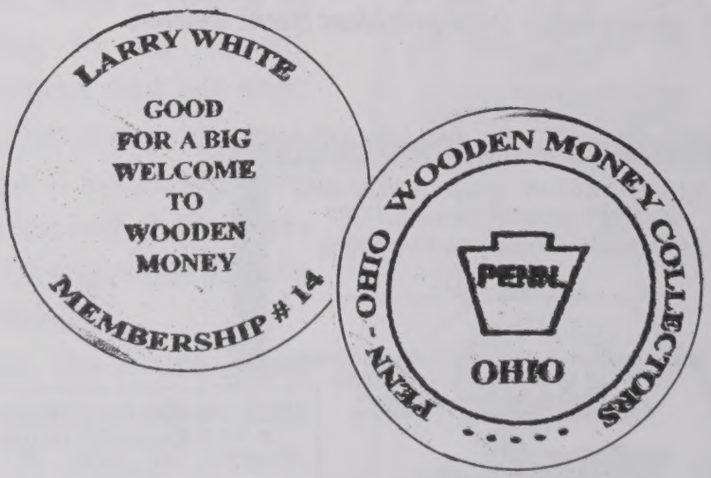


Lou Vesh and Al Schubert get a story from Larry White(back to camera).

Ross Kingdon and Dave Gillespie check out 'woods'.



Al Schubert and Robbin Quinn show off their t-shirts.



Larry White issued this wood for the swap meet. (red/red both sides)